1: Holmberg--8 [4] (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
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"An unusual physical characteristic among the Siriono, one which might almost be called a mutation, is the small hereditary marks which characerize the backs of their ears. These marks or depressions in the skin, which appear at birth, look as if a little piece of flesh had been cut out here and there. If a Siriono were in doubt as to whether he were talking to one of his countrymen he would need only to look at the backs of his ears to identify him. These marks do not appear in any of the crosses I have seen. Most of the Indians with whom I talked, however, were only vaguely conscious of this characteristic and had no explanation for it.

Another unusual feature of the Siriono is the high incidence of clubfootedness. This trait appears in about 15 percent of the population. At some time in Siriono history this recessive character has appeared and persisted because of the highly inbred character of the group."